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SUBJECT: REVISED EC GRAIN BALANCES

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE COMMISSION'S REVISED 1975/76 ESTIMATED
SUPPLY/DEMAND BALANCE FOR GRAINS. IT IS DATED SEPTEMBER 3
AND REFLECTS CONDITIONS AND DATA AVAILABLE AS OF AUGUST 31ST.

EC GRAIN BALANCE , SEPT 3 , 1975
(OFFICIAL MEMBER STATE ESTIMATES IN PARENTHESES)

SOFT WHEAT	BARLEY 2/	CORN
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MILLION M.T.		

BEGINNING STOCKS	7.5 (8.0)	2.1	3.5
PRODUCTION	33.9 (35.9)	31.8	15.0-17.0
IMPORTS	4.1	1.6	9.4-11.4
TOTAL SUPPLY	45.5(48.0)	35.5	27.9-31.9
FARM USE	6.0(7.6)	14.0	4.8

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FEED USE	5.4	11.1	17.0
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OTHER INTERNAL

USE	22.5	18.0 1/	5.2
EXPORTS	7.1(7.6)	0.9	--
ENDING STOCKS	4.5(4.9)	1.6	2.6
TOTAL DIST-			
RIBUTION	45.5(48.0)	35.7	29.6

1/ OF WHICH 1.3 MILLION M. T. FOR EXPORT AS MALT

2/ APPARENT DISCREPANCIES IN TOTALS DUE TO PROVISIONAL NATURE OF DATA.

2. THE COMMISSION IS EXPECTED SHORTLY TO ISSUE ANOTHER REVISION OF THE FOREGOING BALANCES BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND THE COMMISSION LARGELY IN DATA FOR FEED USE. FEED COMPOUNDERS IN PARTICULAR FEEL THAT THE ESTIMATE FOR FEED USE FOR WHEAT SHOULD BE IN THE RANGE OF 3.0-3.6, INSTEAD OF 5.4 MILLION TONS SHOWN ABOVE. THE HIGHER EC ESTIMATE IS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT CORN PRICES WILL REMAIN HIGH ENOUGH TO ENCOURAGE FEEDING OF WHEAT. BUT IF THE LOWER INDUSTRY ESTIMATE PREVAILS, THE DIFFERENCE WILL SHOW UP IN AVAILABILITIES FOR EXPORT.

3. THE COMMISSION DOES NOT INTEND THIS YEAR TO AUTHORIZE A PREMIUM FOR INCORPORATION OF WHEAT INTO ANIMAL FEEDS.

4. THE FIGURES FOR TOTAL WHEAT EXPORTS SHOWN IN THE FOREGOING TABLE ARE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

	MEMBER STATES	EC	
FLOUR AS WHEAT EQUIVALENT	2.9	3.0	
FOOD AID	1.3	1.3	
COMMERICAL SALES	3.4	2.8	

5. WE LEARNED THAT THE CORN TRADE AND CONSUMING INDUSTRY ARE PUSHING STRONGLY FOR INTRODUCTION OF PREFIXING OF CORN LEVIES. THE COMMISSION WILL TAKE A DECISION ON THIS SOMETIME IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

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